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SUBJ: TELEPHONE INSTALLATION COSTS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED BILLS FROM THE SYRIAN GENERAL OFFICE
FOR COMMUNICATIONS TOTALING L. SYR. 238,125 (\$61,057.70) AT
EXCHANGE RATE L. SYR. 3.90 EQUALS \$1.00 REPRESENTING COST OF
INSTALLING TELEPHONE LINES AND EXTENSIONS DURING VISITS OF
THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE BETWEEN FEBRUARY 24,
1974, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1977. COSTS DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. JUNE 10 TO 16, 1974 (NIXON VISIT):

5 MAIN LINES TO CHANCERY	2,500 L.S.
8 EXTENSIONS, EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD	3,200 L.S.
12 LINES BETWEEN EMBASSY AND AIRPORT	78,000 L.S.
7 LINES BETWEEN EMBASSY AND GUEST HOUSE	2,800 L.S.
2 LINES BETWEEN EMBASSY AND KATTAN HOTEL	1,600 L.S.
7 LINES BETWEEN EMBASSY AND SEMIRAMIS HOTEL	5,600 L.S.
5 LINES BETWEEN EMBASSY AND PRESIDENCY GUEST HOUSE	2,000 L.S.
2 LINES BETWEEN EMBASSY AND ORIENT CLUB	800 L.S.
10 LINES BETWEEN EMBASSY & OMayAD HOTEL	8,000 L.S.
6 LINES BETWEEN EMB & WIRELESS OFFICE	4,800 L.S.
10 EXTENSIONS BETWEEN EMB AND PRESIDENCY GUEST HOUSE	4,000 L.S.
1 LINE BETWEEN EMBASSY & AIRPORT HOTEL	6,500 L.S.
TOTAL	119,800 L.S.

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(\$30,717.95)

B. FEBRUARY 24 TO MARCH 6, 1974 (KISSINGER):

10 LINES AT GUEST HOUSE	5,000 L.S.
1 LINE BETWEEN AIRPORT AND GUEST HOUSE	6,500 L.S.
TOTAL	11,500 L.S.

(\$2,948.72)

C. MAY 1 TO JUNE 4, 1974 (KISSINGER):

9 LINES AT EMBASSY	4,500 L.S.
2. LINES BETWEEN EMBASSY AND GUEST HOUSE	800 L.S.
2 LINES BETWEEN EMBASSY AND AIRPORT	13,000 L.S.
6 EXTENSIONS BETWEEN EMB AND GUEST HOUSE	2,400 L.S.
TOTAL	20,700 L.S.
(\$5,307.69)	

D. OCTOBER 10 TO NOVEMBER 11, 1974 (KISSINGER):

3 LINES AT EMBASSY	1,500 L.S.
7 LINES BETWEEN EOBASSY AND GUEST HOUSE	2,800 L.S.
3 LINES BETWEEN GUEST HOUSE AND AIRPORT	19,500 L.S.
1 LINE BETWEEN EMBASSY AND AIRPORT	6,500 L.S.
TOTAL	30,300 L.S.
(\$7,769.23)	

E. OINES INSTALLED ON MARCH 2, 1975 (KISSINGER):

2 LINES AT EMBASSY	1,000 L.S.
2 LINES BETWEEN GUEST HOUSE AND AIRPORT	13,000 L.S.
6 LINES BETWEEN EMBASSY AND GUEST HOUSE	2,400 L.S.
TOTAL	16,400 L.S.
(\$4,205.13)	

F. LINES INSTALLED FEB 13, 1977 (VANCE):

5 LINES BETWEEN EMB AND MERIDIEN HOTEL	2,000 L.S.
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8 LINES AT EMBASSY	4,000 L.S.
1 LINE BETWEEN EMBASSY AND AIRPORT	6,500 L.S.
TOTAL	12,500 L.S.
(\$3,205.13)	

G. LINE INSTALLED AT AIRPORT JULY 7, 1977 (CODEL):

6,525 L.S. (\$1,673.08)

H. LINES INSTALLED AUGUST 2, 1977 (VANCE):

13 LINES BETWEEN EMB & MERIDIEN HOTEL	10,400 L.S.
3 LINES AT EMBASSY	1,500 L.S.
4 LINES AT MERIDIEN HOTEL	2,00 L.S.
1 LINE TO AIRPORT	6,500 L.S.
TOTAL	20,400 L.S.
(\$5,230.77)	

2. POST HAS FUND CITES/OBLIGATED FUNDS FOR FY 1977

TRIPS (F, G, AND H, ABOVE) AND WILL PROCESS
 PAYMENT ACCORDINGLY. POST, HOWEVER, HAS NO RECORD OF
 ANY OBLIGATIONS OR PAYMENTS COVERING PRESIDENTIAL AND
 SECRETARIAL VISITS IN FY 1974 AND FY 1975.

3. CHARGE AND ADMIN OFF HAVE DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF
WAIVING CHARGES WITH PROTOCOL OFF FONMIN AND HAVE BEEN
TOLD THIS WILL NOT BE DONE. HAVE CONFIRMED WITH OTHER
EMBASSIES THAT TELEPHONE CHARGES HAVE NOT BEEN WAIVED
FOR VIP VISITS.

4. REQUEST DEPT ADVISE HOW TO HANDLE FY 78 AND FY 75
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